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 *** DX INFORMATION ***
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4X - To celebrate the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah, the Israel Association of Radio Communication (formerly known as Israel Amateur Radio Club) will be running special event stations 4X8NER and 4Z8NER from 25 December to 2 January 2025. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via 4Z5MU. A certificate will be available: <https://tools.iarc.org/chanukah24/>.

FO - Unless his physical conditions prevent him from travelling, Nobu, JA0JHQ will be QRV as TX5NH from Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia on 13-16 December, with main activity during the ARRL 10-Meter Contest. QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call.

KH9 - Currently stationed on Wake Island (OC-053), Allen, KH7AL is active as KH7AL/KH9 in his spare time [425DXN 1752]. He operates SSB and some CW on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. Next planned activity: 15 December at 19.30 UTC on 10m SSB. He keeps an "Activation Blog" and an "Upcoming" section on <https://sites.google.com/view/kh7al/>. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

OH - Once again Santa Radio, OF9X (Old Father Nine Xmas) will be active on 13-31 December on 160-6 metres CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via OH2BH.
 Each operator will send his suffix as part of the report (e.g. 599BH for Martti, OH2BH). You can contact a maximum of 16 Santa operators on a variety of bands and modes, which makes up your Santa run total score. This time the score card is reported on <https://www.qrz.com/db/OF9X>. The Santa Radio operators are:

Rami OH2BCI (BCI)	Juha OH2LQ (LQ)
Martti OH2BH (BH)	Pekka OH2TA (TA)
Davide OH2BLS (BLS)	Henri OH3JR (JR)
Era OH2CV (CV)	Pauli OH5BQ (BQ)
Artu OH2FB (FB)	Alex OH5UY (UY)
Jorma OH2KI (KI)	Reijo OH7GGX (GGX)
Jyri OH2KM (KM)	Tero OH7WP (WP)
Arto OH2KW (KW)	Esa OH7WV (WV)

UA - Special callsigns R2025NY and UE25NY will be active from 29 December to 8 January for the annual "Russian New Year" radio marathon organized by the Miller DX Club (<https://mdxc.ru/>). QSLs via RQ7L.

W - Club station W2HRU will be QRV from 30 December to 4 January to mark the 26th annual Ham Radio University educational conference. Look for SSB activity on 80, 40 and 20 metres, as well as FT8 on multiple bands. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, the W2 QSL Bureau or direct to KA2D. In addition, a printable QSL Certificate will be available. Detailed information on <https://hamradiouniversity.org/>.

PACIFIC TOUR ---> Reportedly, Gerhard, OE3GEA will be active holiday style from New Caledonia, Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa, American Samoa and Hawaii between

20 December and 21 January:

20-25 December	TX24HAID	Noumea (OC-032)
25 December-7 January	3D2GE	Nadi (OC-016) and Nacula (OC-156)
27-30 December	YJ0GE	Port Vila (OC-035)
9-12 January	5W0GE	Apia (OC-097)
12-15 January	KH8/OE3GEA	Pago Pago (OC-045)
18-21 January	KH6/OE3GEA	Hawaii

He will operate CW on 30-10 metres. QSLs via OE3GEA, direct or bureau.

PACIFIC TRIP ---> Hardy, DL7JLL will be active as FO/DL7JLL from Mangareva (OC-063), French Polynesia and as VP6JLL from Pitcairn Island (OC-044) Between 18 December and 15 January 2025. He will operate SSB only on 20, 15 and 10 metres. QSLs via home call.[TNX DX World]

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AU2K & AU2S ---> Plans are to upload both logs to Club Log immediately after Cezar's return on 16 December. Requests for QSLs will be accepted as soon as these operations have been approved by the IOTA management. QSO matching via LoTW will be open on 2 January for AU2K (AS-179) and on 9 January for AU2S (AS-153), starting with those requesting direct confirmation via Club Log's QRSS. More information will be published on <https://au2k.weebly.com/>.

CANADA POST ON STRIKE ---> Canada Post's operations have been disrupted since 15 November, when the Canadian Union of Postal Workers began a national strike. Mail and parcels are not being processed or delivered, and no new items will be accepted until the national disruption is over. Acceptance of international mail and parcels has been suspended since 27 November until further notice. All mail and parcels already in the postal network will be delivered as quickly as possible on a first-in, first-out basis once operations resume.

CQ DX HALL OF FAME ---> "When Dick Ross, K2MGA (Publisher of CQ Communications, Inc) became a Silent Key, in April 2024, many wondered about the numerous award programs that were run by CQ Magazine. One very important program was the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

Prior to his passing, Dick gave his blessing for the International DX Association (INDEXA) to carry on with this prestigious award, with my guidance, if the magazine ever ceased functioning. As such, I am pleased to announce that INDEXA will begin the stewardship of the Heritage CQ DX Hall of Fame starting with the 2025 inductees.

Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honors those amateurs who have made exemplary contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning; including both on-air and off-air activities and accomplishments.

The activities and accomplishments that qualify one for membership in this

elite group called the CQ DX Hall of Fame involves considerable personal sacrifice and can usually be described by the phrase 'above and beyond the call of duty'.

It is not enough to just be a DXpedition team member a number of times. To be in the DX Hall of Fame you might need to have the foresight to organize DXpeditions to the very hard to reach entities around the globe, or perhaps work on ways to open Amateur Radio in the countries where politics exclude it.

Other accomplishments could also be to create or provide new and/or important techniques that support the DX chaser. Other important attributes to be considered include 'integrity', 'perseverance', 'good will', 'honesty' and 'being noncontroversial'.

Nominations will be open January 1, 2025 through March 1, 2025. Please send to Bob Schenck, N200 (n200@comcast.net). Make sure to put CQ DX HALL OF FAME in the subject line.

Inductees will be announced at the SWODXA - Dayton DX Dinner".

Bob Schenck, N200 is the Vice President of the International DX Association, a member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame and former DX Editor of CQ Magazine.

DX MENTOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM ---> The Southwest Ohio DX Association, SWODXA in conjunction with ICOM America, Inc. announces the DX Mentor Recognition Program "to recognize and reward amateur radio operators who have played a key role in helping other amateur radio operators achieve DXCC" (note that "those amateurs receiving the mentoring must be under 30 years of age during the calendar year for the award"). The award will be presented at the SWODXA DX Dinner, held annually in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention. The judging committee will be staffed by SWODXA representatives, as well as a representative from both the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) and the International DX Association (INDEXA).

See <https://www.swodxa.org/DX-Mentor-Program/> for more information and the application form. [TNX AJ8B]

RAEM CONTEST ---> This year's RAEM Contest (<https://raem.srr.ru/>) will be held on 22 December, from 00.00 UTC until 11.59 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres CW. Organized by the Russian Amateur Radio Union (SRR), the annual event memorializes Ernst T. Krenkel (1903-1971), the legendary Arctic explorer and radioman (callsign RAEM) on various polar stations and on the first drifting ice station North Pole-1.

+ SILENT KEY + Antonio Gonzalez, EA5RM passed away on 8 December, aged 56. An accomplished DXer with a number of achievements under his belt (e.g. DXCC Phone #1 Honor Roll, DXCC CW and DXCC Digi Honor Roll, 5 Band WAZ with 200 zones), he was an active DXpeditioner, often organizing and leading teams to operate from difficult and challenging locations, and as such he was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame (2020). Notable DXpeditions include TZ6RD (Mali 2003), 9X0R (Rwanda 2008), E4X (Palestine 2010), ST0R (South Sudan 2011), 5J0R (San Andres 2013), 5U5R (Niger 2017), TN5R (Congo 2018) and HD8R (Galapagos 2021), as well as three operations from Western Sahara (S05X 2003, S01R 2006 and S04R 2009), and four activities as 1A0C from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (2012, 2014, 2019 and 2023). Over the years, he made a dozen trips to Bolivia to establish and maintain HF communications links between medical facilities and remote villages in the Amazon rainforest, and operated as CP1XRM during his free time. His

volunteer work in support of Solidaridad Medica Espana (NGO) and on behalf of Radioaficionados Sin Fronteras (NGO) earned him the ARRL International Humanitarian Award (2015) and the Intrepid Humanitarian Award (2017).

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3D2NB	W7YAQ	AU2K	VE3LYC	R1941OM	RD5C
3D2XD	OM2DX	AU2S	VE3LYC	S21DX	EB7DX
3Z0XMAS	SP6IEQ	C21TS	M0OXO	SP0CLAUS	SP3PDO
4X8X	4X6ZM	EH5CC	EA5K	SP9ENV	DL1EKO
4X9X	4X6ZM	HF0CLAUS	SP9CJM	SZ1AB	SV1ENG
8Q7IL	HB9ILL	HG3IPA	HA3JB	T46W	CO6XX
8Q7RL	DL2AAZ	HI3K	EB7DX	TM17SPR	F4KLA
9K9UAE	EC6DX	HP1XV	EA5HB	TM4TLT	F4KIP
A43UAE	EC6DX	HS0ZMY	EA5GL	TO9W	W9ILY
A71OK	EA5GL	HS0ZOY	KA3LKM	V31CN	VE7ACN
A91CD	EC6DX	II4FCGD	IQ4FE	V31WO	WO9K
A91ND	EC6DX	LY24XMAS	LY2QT	V47V	NT5V
A91QTR	EC6DX	OC200A	OA4O	VC9RCHA	VE9CF
A91WALD	EC6DX	PC24XMAS	PC1K	VP2V/K2KW	KU9C
AM100RAYO	EA4SG	PF24MAX	PF1B	VP2V/K5PI	KU9C
AN46CE	EA7URM	R1941MB	R2DX	VP9/N2BA	WA3RHW

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QSL YOTA STATIONS: The December YOTA Month Team is only sending QSL cards if you request them via Club Log' QRSS. Participating stations in this year's event include 4A0YOT, 4X1YOTA, 5B4YOTA, 8N2YOTA, 8N2YOTA/1, 8N2YOTA/4, 9A0YOTA, 9M2YOTA, AO24YOTA, AO6YOTA, AO8YOTA, DQ0YOTA, E71YOTA, ES9YOTA, GB24YOTA, HA6YOTA, HB9YOTA, HG0YOTA, HL0YOTA, II0YOTA, II3YOTA, II5YOTA, K8O, K8T, K8Y, LT4YOTA, LX9YOTA, LY5YOTA, OE0YOTA, OH2YOTA, OL24YOTA, OM9YOTA, OQ24YOTA, PA6YOTA, PD6YOTA, R24YOTA, R73YOTA, S50YOTA, SH9YOTA, SK8YOTA, SU8YOTA, TC24YOTA, TM24YOTA, TM4YOTA, VC2YOTA, VC3YOTA, W8A, YL24YOTA, YO0YOTA, YS1YOTA, YT24YOTA, YU7YOTA, Z30YOTA, Z39YOTA, ZS9YOTA.

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